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Hearing: “The State of Interoperable Communications: Perspectives from State and Local Governments”

WHO: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and
Technology
Chairman Dave Reichert (R-WA)

WHEN: 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

WITNESSES

The Honorable Rob Drake
Mayor, City of Beaverton, Oregon;
National League of Cities, Public Safety and Crime Prevention Steering Committee Member

The Honorable Gino Menchini
Commissioner, Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications,
City of New York

Chief Charles L. Werner
Fire Chief, City of Charlottesville, Virginia;
Former Chair, Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

Mr. Steve Proctor
Executive Director, Utah Communications Agency Network

BACKGROUND

Whether it is a natural disaster or a terrorist attack, the ability to communicate at all levels of government is essential to responding to a catastrophe. The Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology will evaluate the state of public safety interoperable communications from the perspective of state and local governments, and assess what is being done to ensure effective communication capabilities in the future. This is the second hearing in a series focusing on the state of emergency communications.

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